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SUBJECT: US-SOUTH AFRICA NUCLEAR TALKS

REFS: (A) PRETORIA 3645, (B) PRETORIA 3652, (C) PRETORIA  
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1. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON REFTELS (BEING REPEATED) TO  
BRIEF APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON GERARD  
SMITH'S TALKS IN PRETORIA. YOU MAY NOTE OUR BELIEF THAT  
CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE TALKS, BUT THAT  
WE MUST AWAIT THE SAG'S FORMAL RESPONSE (PROBABLY IN MID-  
AUGUST) TO DETERMINE WHETHER A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT  
IS WITHIN REACH.

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2. FOR PARIS: YOU SHOULD IF FEASIBLE BRIEF JACOMET  
DIRECTLY, OR IN HIS ABSENCE OTHER APPROPRIATE FRENCH  
OFFICIAL. SMITH GREATLY APPRECIATED JACOMET'S FULL REPORT  
ON HIS OWN MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA, AND BELIEVES THAT IT  
CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF SMITH'S TALKS.  
WE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THIS CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE FRENCH

ON THIS ISSUE, AND WE WILL REPORT TO THEM WHEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE IS IN HAND. WITH RESPECT TO PRETORIA 3662, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE JOINT MINUTE TO BRIEF JACOMET ON THE

SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS BUT YOU SHOULD NOT INDICATE THAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY USING THE JOINT MINUTE IN YOUR BRIEFING. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT A JOINT MINUTE WAS AGREED UPON (BUT NOT INITIALED OR SIGNED) AS A DEVICE TO RECORD THE MAIN LINES OF EACH SIDE'S POSITION IN THE TALKS. YOU SHOULD ASK JACOMET TO HOLD CLOSELY THE FACT THAT SUCH A JOINT MINUTE EXISTS. AT HIS REQUEST, DE LABOULAYE WAS BRIEFED TODAY ON SOUTH AFRICA TALKS ALONG THESE LINES.

3. FOR LONDON AND BONN: YOU SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE FACT THAT JOINT MINUTE WAS PREPARED BUT YOU MAY DRAW ON IT TO PREPARE YOUR BRIEFING.

4. FYI ONLY. WE ENGAGED IN SOME SIDE CONVERSATIONS WITH SAG OFFICIALS ON THE NEED TO RESOLVE THE UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE SUSPECT TEST SITE IN THE KALAHARI DESERT. SAG OFFICIALS APPEARED TO APPRECIATE THE US CONCERN THAT FUTURE NUCLEAR COOPERATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN OTHERWISE. SAG OFFICIALS OFFERED, IN SOME GREATER DETAIL THAN PREVIOUSLY, EXPLANATION THAT THE KALAHARI SITE IS FOR NON-NUCLEAR MILITARY PURPOSES. OUR INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS ARE REVIEWING THIS INFORMATION.

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